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SUBJECT: HIGH COURT LIFTS BAN ON URDU DAILY " JASARAT""

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1. KARACHI PRESS REPORTS THAT THE DIVISION BENCH OF THE HIGH COURT OF SIND AND BALUCHISTAN ON MARCH 26 QUASHED" THE ORDER OF THE SIND GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD BANNED ON MARCH 11 THE URDU DAILY JASARAT FROM PUBLISHING FOR A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS. THE HIGH COURT RULING ARGUED THAT THA BAN ORDER, SINCE IT WAS " MADE EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE,... IS EX- FACIE INVALID" AND " WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORITY."

2. JASARAT STAFF BROUGHT OUT A ONE PAGE EDITION ON AFTERNOON MARCH 26 AND A FULL ISSUE MARCH 27. LATTER CARRIED UNSIGNED, DEFIANT EDITORIAL SAYING THAT JASARAT WILL CONTINUE ITS STRUGGLE ON " BASIS OF PRINCIPLES, IDEOLOGY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND WHOEVER MAY BE PRESIDENT, IF HE IS FAITHFUL TO ISLAM AND PAKISTAN, HE CAN FIND NO BETTER SERVANT THAT US... BUT IF ANYONE BELIEVES WE WILL REMAIN QUIET ABOUT THOSE IGNORING THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND THE COUNTRY' S INTEGRITY, HE IS LIVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN A FOOL'S PARADISE..."

3. JASARAT'S EDITOR MOHAMMAND SALSHUDDIN PUBLISHER SYED ZAKIR ALI, AND PRINTER QASIM NOORANI -- ARRESTED MARCH 4 AND 5 UNDER THE DEFENSE OF PAKISTAN RULES -- REMAIN IN KARACHI JAIL, PENDING HEARING SET FOR MARCH 29 ON THEIR APP ARE: GREENSHIELDS (FAO), MICUTA AND MANBY (DND) AND POSSIBLY ALSO NOLL (DND).

2. SCHURMANN SAID HE HAD SEEN PRC REP AND ASKED FOR PRC COOPERATION IN AFGHAN PROGRAM. RESPONSE WAS TO EFFECT THAT PRC CONSIDERS DRUGS NATIONAL PROBLEM WHICH EACH COUNTRY SHOULD COPE WITH ITSELF AND THAT FOR UN TO INTERVENE WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INFRACTION OF COUNTRIES' SOVEREIGNTY. SCHURMANN NOTED HE HAD REPLIED THAT SOME COUNTRIES WERE TOO POOR TO HANDLE DRUG PROBLEM THEMSELVES AND THAT IF SUCH COUNTRIES ASKED UN FOR HELP, GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE COULD IN NO WAY BE CONSIDERED AS INFRINGING SOVEREIGNTY. SCHURMANN COMMENTED THAT TO THIS PRC REP MADE NO REPLY. SCHURMANN INDICATED HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE PRC WILL ASSIST AFGHAN PROGRAM. THINKS MOST CAN HOPE FOR IS THAT THEY WILL NOT OPPOSE UN EFFORT.

3. SCHURMANN SAID HE HAD ALSO SEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF DENMARK AND SWEDEN. BOTH INDICATED THEY THOUGHT THEIR GOVTS WOULD BE WILLING TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND AGREED LET SCHURMANN KNOW THEIR GOVTS' POSITIONS PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR KABUL. RIMESTAD

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